# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## Saturday, 15th December 1923.

The House met at 11 o'clock, the Deputy President (the hon. Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI) in the Chair.

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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions and answers shall be arranged in order of subjects.

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

### CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

*Muhammadan representation among Honorary Registrars of Co-operative Societies.*

51 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the number of appointments of Honorary Registrars of Co-operative Societies made during the past one year in the Ceded Districts and how many of them were given to Muhammadans?

*A.*—During the Co-operative year 1922–23 ten gentlemen were appointed Honorary Assistant Registrars in the Ceded Districts, of whom one was a Muhammadan. During the current year thirteen have been appointed, of whom one is a Muhammadan.

### EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

*British Empire Exhibition.*

52 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of expenditure so far incurred by the Madras Government on account of the British Empire Exhibition of 1924;

(*b*) the amount of expected future expenditure on the same account; and

(*c*) the names of the articles manufactured in the Madras Presidency which are to be exhibited in the Madras Court of the Exhibition?

*A.*—(*a*) Rupees 55,461–7–6.

(*b*) Rupees 2,53,038–8–6 so far as it can be estimated at present.

(*c*) A list of exhibits, including articles manufactured in the Madras Presidency about which exhibitors have so far furnished detailed information, is appended.*

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* Vide Appendix on page 506 infra.

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer to (b), Sir, may I ask the Minister for Development to be good enough to say what portion of the amount of Rs. 2,53,038–8–6 represents existing liabilities in connexion with the exhibition and how much of it exhibits future liabilities he contemplates ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" I want notice of the question, Sir. The figures have to be worked out."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask him just one more question, Sir, whether it is his intention to accept the Resolution of the House and not incur further liabilities in connexion with the British Empire Exhibition ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" It will be considered in due course."

## FAMINE CONDITION.

*Alleged famine conditions in Cuddapah district.*

53 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that famine conditions prevail in most parts of the Cuddapah district owing to the failure of the last monsoon ?

A.—The Government have not yet received any report of such conditions.

## HIGH COURT.

*Muhammadan High Court Judge.*

54 Q.—Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government intend to appoint a Muhammadan in the earliest vacancy on the Madras High Court Bench ?

A.—Permanent appointments to the High Court are made by His Majesty. Acting appointments are made by the Local Government. The Local Government will pay due consideration to the claims of qualified Muhammadan gentlemen.

## REVENUE DIVISIONS.

*Abolition of the Cuddapah district.*

55 Q.—Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have passed final orders on the proposal to abolish the Cuddapah district ?

A.—The Government have passed orders in G.O. No. 1731, dated the 24th November 1923, abandoning the proposal to abolish the Cuddapah district and the Government Order has been placed on the Editors' Table.

## UNIVERSITY CORPS.

*Head-dress of the volunteers of the University Training Corps.*

56 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the volunteers of the University Corps have been directed to wear hats instead of caps or turbans ; and if the answer be in the affirmative, whether it is intended to remove the direction and substitute in its stead individual option ?